

Explora - Topic Overview

The Topic Overview is a feature in *Explora* that provides students with a starting point for research. Topic Overviews appear in the search results list for thousands of popular topics and include links to citable, authoritative summary articles.

Topic Overview content comes from a variety of high quality sources, both proprietary and encyclopedic, including:

- Salem Press
- Encyclopedia Britannica
- American National Biography

If a Topic Overview is available, it will appear at the top of the search results list. Please note that the Topic Overview feature does not alter your search results list in any way. Many searches include “Related” items listed at the bottom of the Topic Overview placard. These are other titles that are highly relevant to your search. Clicking the link takes you directly to that Research Starter record.

To view the Topic Overview, click the title of the Topic Overview or the **More** link.

The screenshot shows the Explora search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'New Search', 'Curriculum Standards', 'Sign In', 'Folder', and 'Help'. Below this is the 'explora' logo and a search bar containing 'ocean currents'. To the right of the search bar is a 'Search' button and a 'Demonstration Customer' link. Below the search bar are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Search History'. On the left side, there's a 'Refine Results' sidebar with 'Current Search' and 'Limit To' sections. The 'Limit To' section has checkboxes for 'Full Text' and 'Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals', and a 'Publication Date' range from 1885 to 2015. The main content area shows 'Search Results: 1 - 10 of 4,322'. A red box highlights the 'Topic Overview' for 'Surface Ocean Currents', which includes a map of the world's oceans and a brief description. Below the overview, two search results are listed: 'It's All About the ICE. (cover story)' and 'Sea Change'.

The Topic Overview will display.

